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Kristine A. WarchAMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2002, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

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At page 5, line 4, please insert the following:

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--Fig. 10 is a schematic cross sectional view of an embodiment of a cardiac reinforcement device according to the invention, including a separable element.--

At page 34 and 35, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 29 of page 34 and lines 7 of page 35 with the following:

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--In another embodiment of the present invention, the delivery source is provided as an element that is separate from the jacket 10 of the device, herein referred to as a "separable element" 36. The separable element 36 can be provided in the form of a patch containing the therapeutic agent of interest, or a bladder containing the therapeutic agent. Suitable patches and bladders are known in the art. For example, see Epicardial Administration of Ibutilide from